

## FROM WASHINGTON.

## Progress of the Bill Concerning Executive Appointments.

## THE VACANCY IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

## Political Letter from Senator Doolittle.

Special Despatches to the Sun.

WASHINGTON, July 16, 1863.

## APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The Conference Committee on amendments to the Tenure of Office bill reported Mr. Trumbull's revision to allow the President to fill the vacancy in the Commission of Patents by designating one of the Board of Appeals; but it being whispered around the House that this would enable the President to place the office in the charge of Elihu Root, father-in-law of Senator Henderson, who was just being nominated Commissioner, the House took the cue and refused to concur in the report by a vote of 90 to 36. They will now have to so arrange their report as to remedy this objection, or it will not pass the House.

## COURT OF CLAIMS VACANCY.

The death of Judge Wilcox, some time ago, left but four Judges upon the bench of the Court of Claims. There are now over twenty persistent applicants for this place, the most prominent of whom are ex-Senators Foster and Harris, who have been pressing their claims for years from that fact that the President stated to a Democratic member who called upon him, that he should appoint someone from the South, as there was a very large amount of claims from the Southern States, and no one to look after them.

## THE LOUISIANA SENATORS AND MEMBERS ARRIVED.

Today the North Carolina Senators are to be here tomorrow, and those from South Carolina this week.

## PROSPECTS OF ADJOURNMENT.

It now seems certain that Congress will adjourn by next Thursday.

## THE ELECTORAL BILL.

The President has told several Democrats that he will send in his veto of the Electoral bill to-morrow.

## THE PATENT OFFICE AND PUBLIC PRINTING.

The clause in the Appropriation bill sent to the President to-day orders all receipts of the Patent Office to the Treasury, rendering necessary new legislation for the Patent Office.

## THE ALASKA BILL.

There was also a clause which prohibits all printing in the Treasury Department except the printing of bonds, and directs all their machinery, including nearly 30 Alaska presses, to be turned over to the Government Printing Office, and all work hereafter to be done there.

## THE TARIFF BILL NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE IS CERTAINLY DEAD FOR THIS SESSION.

## THE AUSTRIAN MISSION.

Collector Smythe, as Minister to Austria, will probably be rejected at the next executive session.

## POLITICAL PROSPECTS IN MAINE.

Hon. John A. Bingham, who has just returned from Maine, is confident that the State will give Grant 20,000 majority in the election.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS.

The Senate Committee on Commerce will not act on the larger river and harbor appropriation passed by the House at this session. They will, however, report in favor of about a million of dollars to-morrow to be put in the Deficiency bill, which will be passed in the next executive session.

## THE ALASKA BILL.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations have agreed to ask the Senate to strike of Mr. Lodge's amendment upon the Alaska Appropriation bill. The Senate will sustain it, and an attempt to be made to get the House to pass the bill, giving it the money and abolishing their claims to be considered in making future similar treaties. The chances are in favor of the Senate's succeeding.

## DEATH OF AN ARMY OFFICER.

Col. George S. Scott, of the United States Army, died suddenly this afternoon of apoplexy. His remains will be sent to New York to-morrow. Col. Scott was fifty years of age.

## VAL BULLETIN.

Commander E. C. Griffin, of the United States Navy, has been detached from the command of the USS Albatross, and assigned to the USS Albatross, on waiting orders. Lieutenant Commander Albert Knapp, of the USS Albatross, has been detached from the command of the USS Albatross, and assigned to the USS Albatross, on waiting orders.

## A JAPANESE EXECUTION.

The following is the letter of Commander Creighton, of the United States Navy, describing the execution of a Japanese sailor on board the USS Albatross.

## UNITED STATES STEAMER OSWEGO. (Third Run.)

HONOLULU, JAPAN, March 14, 1863.

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